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SUBJ: CU/ARTS: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS

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1. ONLY FIRM DATES AT PRESENT ARE FOR PIANIST MILTON KAYE IN LISBON: NOVEMBER 12, 13 AND 14, AND POSSIBLY OPORTO NOVEMBER 18.

2. GULBENKIAN HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN FOLLOWING: STRADIVARI STRIGN QUARTET FOR JANUARY 1976; EUGENE ISTOMIN (EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED EUROPEAN AGENT TO GIVE DATES AND FEES); BOSTON MUSICA VIVA (VERY SLIGHT CHANCE, SINCE VERY EXPENSIVE); BENNY CARTER AMERICAN JAZZ BAND (FOUNDATION WISHES TO PRESENT ONE JAZZ GROUP NEXT SEASON) AND BICENTENNIAL AMERICAN INDIAN DANCE POW WOW (FOR POSSIBLE PRESENTATION NEXT SUMMER AT GULBENKIAN OUTDOOR FACILITIES) (LETTER FROM IRWIN PARNES, JULY 9, 1975).

3. LOCAL AGENT HAS OFFER FOR JULLIARD STRING QUARTET NOVEMBER 19 AND 20 AND PIANIST ANDRE WATTS FOR MARCH 1976, BOTH FOR OPORTO. WE ARE ASKING AGENT TO INQUIRE RE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING SUITABLE SPONSORS FOR BOTH IN CENTER AND SOUTH OF PORTUGAL. WILL ADVISE SOONEST.

4. CROFUT AND COOPER MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR NORTHERN PORTUGAL FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER. HOWEVER, NO FIRM OFFER YET.

5. HICKORY WIND STRING BAND POSSIBLE TO PROGRAM THROUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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MINISTRY OF MASS COMMUNICATION AS LOS ANGELES JUBILEE SINGERS

LAST DECEMBER. HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO PASS INFORMATION TO MINISTRY'S CULTURAL DYNAMIZATION OFFICE.

6. BLACKEARTH PERCUSSION HAS BEEN OFFERED TO LOCAL SPONSOR FOR TWO CONCERTS AND ONE CONCERT AT LISBON UNIVERSITY. EMBASSY AWAITING REACTION.

7. LASALLE QUARTET: AUGUST BAD TIMING.

8. JAZZ PIANIST RANDY WESTON BEING OFFERED TO LOCAL JAZZ SPONSORS. NO ANSWER AS YET.

9. ANNAPOLIS BRASS QUINTET NO INTEREST.

10. JAMES TOCCO'S LOCAL AGENT HAS PROMISED TO INFORM EMBASSY RE POSSIBLE PROGRAMMING FOR EARLY DECEMBER IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL.

1. EMBASSY WILL INFORM CU/ARTS AS SOON AS FIRM OFFERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED OR TENTATIVE SCHEDULES CONFIRMED. VACATION PERIOD PRECLUDES EARLY DECISION RE BOOKING DATES AND CONDITIONS.

12. IN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS:

1. EMBASSY ATTEMPTS IN PAST OBTAIN LOCAL BUSINESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HAVE PROVEN FRUITLESS. IN LISBON ONLY GULBENKIAN CAN PRODUCE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WHILE THREE OTHER CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN GIVE LIMITED ASSISTANCE IN RANGE OF ONE TO THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS FEE PER PERFORMANCE. MINSOCCOMM ABLE FURNISH IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. IN OPORTO ONE ORGANIZATION CAN OFFER LIMITED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

2. POST PROPOSES PROGRAMMING ABOUT TWO EVENTS MONTHLY.

3. SEPTTEL WILL DISCUSS SPORTS AND EXHIBITIONS.
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